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Application Number	09/774,388
Filing Date	January 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shunpei Yamazaki
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	Thien F. Tran
Attorney Docket Number	07977-265001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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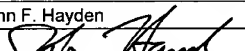
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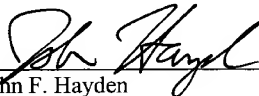
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Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. Patent Documents

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